

FRENCH IN BIG BATTLE WITH BULGAR ARMY

Fighting South of Kuprii Begun Three Days

BULGARS ASK FOR

Main Serb Force Holding

4,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY GERMANS

**Retreat to the West and
South Is, However.
Not a Rout.**

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
SALONICA, NOV. 11.—It is reported that a big engagement between the French and Bulgarians in the region between Gradska and Kuprili (Veles) began on November 9 and is still in progress.
The Bulgars asked a five hours armistice to bury their dead. The French gave them two hours.

The Serbians have captured the station of Kacanik, near the Kacanik Pass from which the Bulgarians have withdrawn. Kalkaniden (Tetovo) is in the possession of the Bulgarians after having changed hands several times.

The following statement issued by the Serbian War Office was received here today:

The enemy succeeded in approaching the western Morava near Kravaje, and south of the Morava in the direction of Djunis and Leskovac (both on the main railway).

On the 11th, the direction of the fighting shifted to the direction of Djunis, southeast of Leskovac, and were repulsed.

Fighting on the right bank of the Kravaje, south of Kumanovo, and on the left bank of the Morava toward the Blinaka (or southern Morava) continued in our favor.

The following semi-official statement from Serbian sources also was issued:

The Bulgarians have been repulsed on the line from east of Sillian in the direction of the railway, also from Kacanik to the southeast.

After taking Uskub the Bulgarian advanced to the northwest toward Kacanik, but were driven back. In this region the position of the Ser-

TEUTON ADVANCE SLOW
Von Gallwitz's Army Sent South
Aid Bulgars Against French.
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LONDON, Nov. 11.—It seems that the
Serbians are still holding out gain-
ly in the south, especially in the Kara-
Pass, where the Bulgarian attacks

It is stated that Gen. von Gallwitz's army has been sent southward, probably in view of the Franco-British

The Bulgarian offensive around Babuna Pass is reported to be weakening, presumably because of the increasing French pressure from the south. If the report that the Allies recaptured Kuppeli (Velest) proves correct it will be of the utmost importance. For through this event the Bulgarians will quickly be driven from the Uskub-Kumanovo

The railroad from Salonica to a point near Kuyutsi is in the hands of the Serbs and is being daily used by the troops. All of the region between southern and western Morava is held by the Serbian army.

The seat of the Government is Reska.

The Tatar advance in northern Slovakia is being materially delayed by

The Serbians' valiant defence of existing lines of ground along the river was a factor in the Franco-British decision to permit the Franco-British expedition to the south to send a force northward to effect a junction with the Serbs.

The Serbian retreat is, however, so hampered by the advance guards of the Teutons to the north, the Bulgarians from the east and Bulgarian recommitting parties on the south line of the "horseshoe" being driven around the retreating army.

It is announced in the Berlin official papers to-day that 4,000 Serbians

The official German statement follows:

Pursuit of the Serbians in the mountains along the southern and western Morava is making good progress. More than 4,000 Serbians have been